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Brian and Steve,

It is my understanding from the RA's office that the letter to the KBIC Tribal Chair is to be revised based on the findings of the site visits conducted by ARD and WD at the L'Anse Warden facility. Attached below is the write-up that ARD has provided. Can WD provide a summary as well that could be included in the revised letter?

Thanks,

Jenny

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Blurb on my visit for your letter

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An inspector from Region 5 Air Enforcement visited the L'Anse Warden facility on April 9 and 10, 2012. The visit was

unannounced to L'Anse Warden and initially consisted of exterior surveillance of the railroad tie grinding operation. The grinding operation is surrounded by a "wall" of railroad ties, such that the grinder itself cannot be seen. After observing the facility from the exterior on the afternoon of April 9, the inspector observed no visible emissions coming from the facility. After observing no visible emissions coming from the facility again on the morning of April 10, the inspector entered the facility and conducted an inspection accompanied by plant representatives. The inspector was told that the grinding operation had been running on its normal, nearly continuous process both the previous afternoon and that morning. After touring the facility, the inspector was given leave to conduct visible emission readings of the grinding operation.

At this point, the inspector drove approximately 1/4 mile downwind of the grinding operation and approached on foot. No visible emissions or noxious odors were detected. The inspector then positioned himself at two different points on the property for approximately 2 hours. During that time, the visible emissions observed were quite minimal (consistently about 5% opacity when observed) and did not persist beyond a few feet of the grinder itself. An occasional "puff" of smoke was seen, but these were inconsistent and also dissipated within a few feet of the grinder.

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